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Fourth year of MCH activity

September 30 marked the end of the Montana Committee for the Humanities' fourth year of operations. In the past twelve months the MCH has funded 47 projects for a total of $247,000. The panel discussions, conferences, symposia, workshops, and films receiving MCH grants covered a wide variety of topics including issues as diverse as water rights, tourism, agriculture, women's health care, Native American history and culture, neighborhood democracy, children's rights, independent living for the handicapped, the rights and choices of the elderly, Montana history, trade between Japan and Montana, and U.S. presidential power.

MCH programs took place all over the state (see map below) and their success was due to the thoughtful participation of hundreds of Montanans acting as project organizers, audience members and critics. The programs were sponsored by more than 60 different Montana groups including the Montana Broadcasters Association, St. Paul's Mission in Hays, the Montana United Indian Association, the Ad Hoc Committee for Legislative Research, the Cascade County Mental Health Association, the Governor's Ad Hoc Committee of Montana Farm Organizations and Commodity Groups, the 1976 Science Fiction Research Association, Cooperative Extension Service, Headwaters R C & D, Institute of the Rockies, Kellogg Extension Education Program, Lambda (University of Montana), the League of Women Voters, The Wilderness Institute of the University of Montana, Missoula Community Coordinated Child Care, the Fine Tuning Company of Bozeman, the Glendive Ad Hoc Committee on Women, the Montana Association of Churches' Task Force on Government and Institutions, the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Property Rights (Montana State University), and the College of Great Falls.

MCH Receives $433,800 NEH Grant

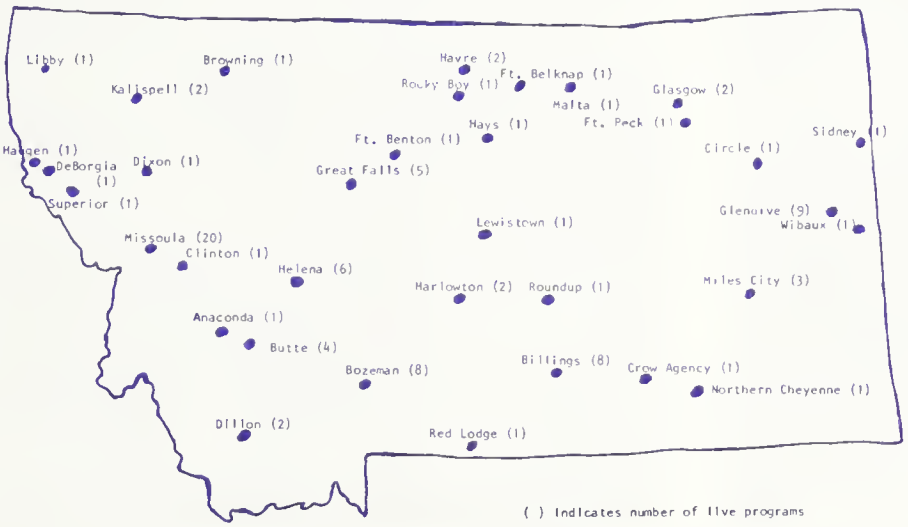
The Montana Committee for the Humanities has received a grant of $433,800 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct various programs over an 18-month period.

Dr. Ronald Berman, NEH chairman, notified the MCH office at UM of the award. The grant period began October 1.

Commenting on this grant award, Dr. Margaret Kingsland, MCH director, said, "The Committee is looking forward to a continuation of the dialogue on public issues such as education, the criminal justice system, community services, land and water use, minority relations, changing sexual roles and other issues of concern to Montanans."

MCH is a non-profit educational organization. Its goal is to promote the involvement of humanities scholars in discussions of issues of public policy. NEH is a federal agency established by Congress in 1965 to promote the advancement of knowledge in the humanities and to encourage scholars

Distribution of Live Programs in Montana for the 1975 - 1976 Grant Year



in the humanities to address themselves to current conditions of national life. During the past year, the MCH distributed a total of $247,257 in grants for a total of 47 different projects which took place throughout Montana.

The MCH makes grants to nonprofit groups wishing to sponsor public programs in the humanities.

To be considered for MCH funding, all proposals must involve teachers in the liberal arts. The focus of attention must be on an issue of public policy and must be nonadvocacy in nature. Programs also must be directed to the adult, out-of-school public, and must provide for local support and matching services or cash.

In order to provide a focus for the coming year's discussions, all projects funded by MCH must relate in some way to the theme "Traditions in Transition." MCH welcomes inquiries from nonprofit groups wishing to sponsor a public program in the humanities.

For further information write to the Committee at 322 Turner Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812, or phone 243-6022.

Winthrop Joins Staff

In the spring of 1976, the National Endowment for the Humanities announced that it had awarded extra funds to be used to hire retired senior citizens to work in some capacity in each of the state-based programs in the country.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has approved the Montana Committee for the Humanities' proposal to use its special funds to pay for the services of accountant John R. Winthrop of Missoula, who will be the Committee's fiscal agent.

Mr. Winthrop worked at the Chicago firm of Gazzolo Drug and Chemical Corporation in a number of capacities before moving to Missoula in 1975. He served as secretary-treasurer, member of the Board of Directors, and head of the accounting department, before retiring after 32 years of service. Since moving to Montana he has served on a voluntary basis, helping teach mathematics to fourth graders in Lolo, as well as to Roosevelt School students, assisting in the Missoula Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and working in the Missoula County Treasurer's Office.

MCH Audio-Visual and Printed Materials Available

The following printed materials produced by MCH-funded projects are available to the public free of charge.

Federalism: The American Experience, sponsored by the Political Science Department, University of Montana. A collection of essays, talks, and discussions on Montana's place in the federal system. (1976)

Montana Local Government in Review, sponsored by the Bureau of Government Research. A booklet with printed narrative from a televised discussion of the future of Montana's cities, towns and counties. (1974)

Should Religious Values Influence Politics?, sponsored by the Montana Forum on Church and State. A printed collection of transcripts from panel discussions on such topics as "Is Gambling a Moral Issue?" "Do Churches Free or Oppress Women?" "Religion and the Environment" "Church and State in America" "Amnesty" "Abortion" etc. (1974)

The following audio visual materials produced by MCH-funded projects are available for loan to the general public free of charge. All requests should be directed to the MCH office, 322 Turner Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; phone 243-6022.

Country Values, City Times. A 16mm half-hour film exploring the shift from a rural to an industrialized society, problems with changing and conflicting values, and problems inherent in an industrial and urban society. (1974)

It Will Run Out of Us, produced by Falls Creek Project of Missoula. A 15-minute, 16mm presentation of the coal-energy-politics-people issues facing Montana. (1974)

Onward, sponsored by Meta Films and the Black Studies Department, U of M. A half-hour, 8mm film documenting portions of the history of black soldiers in Montana and featuring segments of the reenactment of the 1897 journey to St Louis which was undertaken by students of the UM Black Studies Department. (1975)

Outside the Melting Pot. A 16mm, half-hour film on Native Americans in Montana, tracing current problems and conflicts to their historical roots. (1974)

See How They Run A 16mm, half-hour film exploring political life in Montana. (1974)

Us and Them: Mental Health Care in Montana, sponsored by the Montana Association of Churches' Task Force on Government and Institutions. A 16mm, 40-minute film on Warm Springs State Hospital and the Boulder River School and Hospital examining existing conditions and raising some of the legal and ethical questions involved. Also available in 2-inch videotape. (1975)

Voices of Land Use, sponsored by the Gallatin Canyon Study Team. A 16mm, half-hour film on land use policy in Montana. The film outlines the natural and social factors to be examined in order to provide information for assessing potential land use alternatives. (1974)

A Walk in the Shadow. A 16mm, half-hour film produced by MSU Department munity, and conservationists. Sponsored by the Economic Development Association of Eastern Montana. (1972)

Western Coal: An American Dilemma, sponsored by the MCH, the North Dakota Committee for the Humanities, the Wyoming Committee for the Humanities, and the League of Women Voters of Montana and North Dakota. The film deals with the implications of the development of the coal resources of Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota. (1975)

Which Way – Coal Development in Montana A one-hour, 16mm film featuring Lt. Gov. Bill Christiansen and representatives of industry, the academic community, and conservationists. Sponsored by the Economic Development Association of Eastern Montana. (1972)

Remember: Foreign Ethnic Influences in Montana, sponsored by the Modern Language Department, MSU. A half-hour, 16mm film which explores the influence of foreign ethnic groups on Montana's social, political, and economic structure. (1976)

Beyond Bricks and Mortar, sponsored by the Montana Association of Churches' Task Force on Government and Institutions. A one-hour, 16mm film on the

Montana State Prison at Deer Lodge, examining conditions and programs available to inmates, and raising the question of possible alternatives to the present system. (1976)

Land Use Slide Show From Second Annual Land Use Conference with script by A. B. Guthrie, Jr. (1974)

Local Government Review Slide Show. From "Montana Local Government Review," sponsored by the Bureau of Government Research (1974). Examines the possibilities of citizen participation in the local government review process.

Second Annual Land Use Conference, sponsored by the Montana Land Use Conference Committee. Thirty cassette tapes from the Land Use Conference on the following topics: "Alternatives: Montana's Future Land Use," "Attitudes Toward the Land," "Constitutional Safeguards: Police Powers and the Taking Issue," "Economic Considerations of National Power Demands on Montana," "The EQC Report," "Federal Land Use Legislation," "Land Capability: The Role of the Natural Base," "Land Use," "Land Planning: Paradox of Participation," "Philosophical and Historical Perspectives of Land Use," "Reflections," "Trade-Offs: What Choices Cost," and "Questions and Answers." (1974)

The generosity of the following donors, who have contributed cash matching gifts to various projects this year, is gratefully acknowledged by the MCH:

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MCH Grant Awards

Indian Achievement: The Road to Awareness, submitted by the Montana State University Indian Club. Five panel discussions and lectures in Bozeman (April 30 -- May 2, 1976) to discuss the traditional and contemporary American Indian world view and how

Private Wants and Public Decisions -- The Montana State Legislature, sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for Legislative Research. Planning grant for a public program dealing with the opinions and desires of the Montana public versus the decisions made by their elected representatives. $1,500.

Women and Health, sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, UM. A three-day conference (May 26 -- 28, 1976) in Missoula dealing with issues the women's health movement has raised nationally and their application and usefulness in the Montana health care system. Among these are the issues of right to informed consent regarding treatment before therapy is begun, access to birth control information, alternatives to current health care systems. $3,392.

Tourism: Blight or Blessing?, submitted by Montana State University. A planning grant to organize public programs dealing with tourism in Montana. $2,703.

Investigations of the Future, sponsored by the 1976 Science Fiction Research Association and English Department, UM. A panel discussion (June 18, 1976) involving such public policy issues as the use of terrestrial resources, the possible use of extraterrestrial resources, the private and public consequences of the technology that resource utilization requires. $4,700.

Focus on Women: Outreach, submitted by Focus on Women of Bozeman. A workshop in Missoula (June 24-25, 1976) examined the legal, historical, and social rights and choices of women in Montana. $1,266.

History of the Flathead Valley, sponsored by the Total Community Education Program at Flathead Valley Community College. A film and discussion project to explore the historical roots of contemporary concern for the land and a rural lifestyle, and to discuss choices for the future between economic growth and environmental quality and between rights of individuals and the public good. $9,292.

Tourism: Blight or Blessing?, sponsored by Montana State University. Public programs in Glendive and Glasgow (August 25, 26, 1976) exploring tourism in Montana and its effect upon the private rights of individuals. $2,928.

Colonization of a Western State: A Symposium, submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Property Rights, MSU. A three-day symposium in Bozeman (Sept. 8-10, 1976) addressed the issues of increased demands on Montana as a "colony" of the rest of the nation. Keynote speakers included Scott Momaday, Douglass North, Mason Gaffney, Ted Marmor, and Lynton Caldwell. $12,700.

Mental Health -- Mental Illness, submitted by the Cascade County Mental Health Association. A two-day conference in Great Falls (Sept. 24-25, 1976) focused on the issues of mental illness, deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill, and alternatives to institutions. $9,750.

Rural/Urban Understanding, submitted by the Governor's Ad Hoc Committee of Montana Farm Organizations and Commodity Groups. A planning grant for the submission of a proposal for a series of conferences around the state, dealing with a better understanding between rural and urban audiences. $1,000.

'Til Death Do Us Part?, submitted by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library and the Great Falls Public Library. A lecture/symposium (November 4-6) in Great Falls explored the public choices and private rights relating to individuals who choose to form families outside of legal marriage. $3,550.

Montana and the West: Perspectives on Its Past, Its Present and Its Preservation, submitted by Council to Preserve Montana History/Montana Historical Society. A 3-day conference in Helena (November 4-6) focused on the past, present, and preservation of Montana's heritage: land, culture, natural resources and museums. $3,067.

Montana Historian Workshop Program, submitted by the University of Montana Publications in History. A series of workshops focusing on the need for historical research and the uses of history. $3,880.

Focus on Women: Outreach, Fall, 1976, submitted by Focus on Women of Bozeman. Workshops in Fort Benton, Philipsburg, Roundup, and Dillon exploring the historical perspec-

tives of women's roles, the traditional role of women in transition and how this transition affects society and the family, and current laws in Montana affecting women. $6,813.

Montana As Science Sees It, submitted by the Montana Academy of Sciences. Partial support for a half-hour television program (winter -- spring, 1977) on Indian art and archeology, exploring the need for preservation of sites which can yield essential information on Indian cultural history. $1,835.

Independence to INTERdependence? The Third Hundred Years, submitted by the Montana Division, American Association of University Women. A series of panel discussions in four Montana communities (Dillon, Bozeman, Livingston, and Kalispell) and an address on November 13 in Great Falls by Prof. Henry Steele Commager on the "Declaration of INTERdependence." The panel discussions raised such questions as: Can 18th Century ideals be transferred to the 20th Century? What is the responsibility of the U.S. to other nations of the world? $4,000.

Representative Government in Montana, submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Research. A one-day conference in Bozeman on December 4 exploring citizens' knowledge of and participation in government and their concepts of the legislature; the role of interest groups in legislation; and the legislature and its role as seen by legislators. $3,250.

Searching for Alternatives in Education, submitted by ACCESS. Conferences in Missoula (Nov. 10, 11, 1976) and Kalispell (Nov. 12, 1976) addressing the issues involved in alternative education and the question of whether there is a need for changes in the current educational system. $9,779.

Women Aware, submitted by Focus on Women. A planning grant to organize a conference on changing women's roles in organized religion, employment and the family. $952.

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